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Dear Veteran:

The VA Puget Sound Health Care System invites you to join an exciting new pilot program called **Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Health**.

This opportunity is available only to Veterans receiving care through the VA Puget Sound Health Care System who have (or will) also receive care at one of the area Department of Defense (DoD) hospitals or within the MultiCare Health System. Even if your provider is currently not in the MultiCare network, they may participate in the future as the program expands.

VLER Health allows information to be shared between all of your private health care providers and your VA health care providers, better serving your health care needs. Instead of cumbersome paperwork and multiple explanations from you at each physical location, now your health care provider(s) will up front be able to see: a list of your current health problems, certain lab test results and your current medication list.

If you decide to join, please complete the enclosed documents and mail them to us in the envelope provided or drop them off at the VA Release of Information office at your next visit. Your signature authorizes the VA to share the previously described health information with private health providers through secure internet with Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN).

If you decide not to join, do nothing. Your choice will not affect the care you receive from your providers, your future care at the VA or your VA benefits. If you choose to join now and later change your mind, you may cancel this authorization at anytime.

If you have questions, please call the toll free VLER Health Information line at 1-877-771-VLER (8537).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David A. Elizalde".

David A. Elizalde  
Director

Enclosures